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I was laid off in May 2008. What the government either doesn't think about or care is that the first 18 months or so for the people that have been on 99 weeks of unemployment is there were NO JOBS for the first 18 months. If you were looking for employment then you were lucky if there was one job posted looking to hire a week. It was not until RECENTLY that people are truly able to even slightly find some work. I have been searching daily sending out several resumes a day sometimes for hours on end!! I have sent over 2,000 resumes since I was laid off. I have only had a handful of interviews always to be told they found someone who better qualifies for the position. Applying for anything and everything (including fast food) I am told over and over again that I am either over or under qualified or educated. I just want to work that pays my bills!!!

I am a single mother of 3 that solely relied on the unemployment extension to help pay my rent, utilities etc. I lost the home I was renting and trying to buy and we moved into a small two bedroom apartment because the leasing lady felt horrible she let me rent. I finally found a part time (seasonal) job that hired me regardless of my past experience. I was SO happy that between the part time position and my unemployment I might finally be able to get myself out of trouble and be able to pay the most important bills rent, car and utilities only to have my unemployment stopped. I am now on the verge of loosing the apartment, car and phone the three things needed to provide for my family and be able to contact possible employers. I have no family to help if I am evicted and desperately need the extension for the "99er's"!!! I want to work desperately not only to provide for my family but to get some of my pride back...I am willing to do anything!!! I have truly applied for everything I might be able to even remotely due.

I am so desperate my family's life depends on the government doing the right thing and helping the long term unemployed. I AM BEGGING YOU PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE help!!!

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